

[Docket No. FR-7076-N-01]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Enterprise Income Verification

Systems Debts Owed to Public Housing Agencies and Terminations; OMB Control No.:

2577-0266

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing (PIH), HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE

OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection can be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov or www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 60-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and can be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Mahoney, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street,

SW., Room 3176, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202-402-7731, (this is not a toll-free

number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing as well as individuals with speech and communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs. Copies of

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in section A.

## A. Overview of Information Collection

<u>Title of Information Collection</u>: EIV System Debts Owed to PHAs and Terminations.

**OMB Approval Number:** 2577-0266.

**Type of Request**: Revision of a currently approved collection.

available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Mahoney.

Form Number: 52675.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: In accordance with 24 CFR 5.233, processing entities that administer the Public Housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, Moderate Rehabilitation programs are required to use HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system to verify employment and income information of program participants and to reduce administrative and subsidy payment errors. The EIV system is a system of records owned by HUD, as published in the *Federal Register* on July 20, 2005 at 70 FR 41780 and updated on August 8, 2006 at 71 FR 45066 and on August 17,2022 at 87 FR 50635.

The Department seeks to identify families who no longer participate in a HUD rental assistance program due to adverse termination of tenancy and/or assistance, and owe a debt to a Public Housing Agency (PHA). In accordance with 24 CFR 982.552 and 960.203, the PHA may deny admission to a program if the family is not suitable for tenancy for reasons such as, but not

limited to: unacceptable past performance in meeting financial obligations, history of criminal activity, eviction from Federally assisted housing in the last five years, family has committed fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with a Federal housing program, or if a family currently owes rent or other amounts to the PHA or to another PHA in connection with a Federally assisted housing program under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937.

Within the scope of this collection of information, HUD seeks to collect from all PHAs, the following information:

- 1. Amount of debt owed by a former tenant to a PHA;
- 2. If applicable, indication of executed repayment agreement;
- 3. If applicable, indication of bankruptcy filing;
- 4. If applicable, the reason for any adverse termination of the family from a Federally assisted housing program.

This information is collected electronically from PHAs via HUD's EIV system. This information is used by HUD to create a national repository of families that owe a debt to a PHA and/or have been terminated from a federally assisted housing program. This national repository is available within the EIV system for all PHAs to access during the time of application for rental assistance. PHAs are able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If this information is not collected, the Department is at risk of paying limited Federal dollars on behalf of families who may not be eligible to receive rental housing assistance. Furthermore, if this information is not collected, the public will perceive that there are no consequences for a family's failure to comply with HUD program requirements.

**Respondents**: Public Housing Agencies

| Information<br>Collection | Number of Respondents | Frequency of Response | Responses<br>Per Annum | Burden<br>Hour Per                         | Annual<br>Burden | Hourly<br>Cost Per | Annual<br>Cost |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                           | _                     | _                     |                        | Response                                   | Hours            | Response           |                |
| HUD-52675                 | 3834                  | Monthly               | 46,008                 | 0.0833 Hours<br>or 5 minutes<br>per family | 24,841           | \$23.07            | \$573,081      |

## **B.** Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
  - (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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